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East Side

By P. D.

I cannot with good conscience think for a moment that you will have any interest in the following letters. I pass them along without inducement, but with at least one motive: The column has to be filled.

Mr. P. D. East
The Petal Paper
Petal, Mississippi
Dear Mr. East:
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Sincerely,

Letters

Bakersfield, Calif.

Dear Sir,

I would like to inform you that mail service to the Golden State is just as good as it is from your town to other points of the compass.

Today, November 25, I received my November 14, issue of Petal Paper. Not bad, considerin the who is running the P. O. dept.

However, the Petal Paper is timeless, and the opinions expressed today are still good weeks or months from now.

So if it does take a week or so to get half way across the U. S. (Pony Express speed) it is still a breath of fresh air from a place where very little fresh air exists.

Best wishes for continued success.

Harry H. Hollins

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A Movie Review —

The Ten Commandments

De Lawd didn't seem to have nearly so much trouble with 'em as DeMille.

Said In Other Words —

John Donne Said It This Way

"No man is an Iland, intire of it selfe; every man is a peece of the Continent, a part of the maine; if a Clod bee washed away by the Sea, Europe is the lesse, as well as if a Promontorie were, as well as if a Mannor of thy friends or of thine own were; any mans death diminishes me because I am involved in Mankinde; And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee."

And that is the text, as stated by the English Poet John Donne. Is a sermon really necessary?

In Each And Every Pot —

More Chickens

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Sincerely,
Patricia H. Newell
Publicity Director
Rinehart & Company

Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Jim & Wilma:

At long last I've learned a lesson. Heretofore, when a writer has called on me, I answered questions without asking any. That was the case with you, as you will recall, when we toured Mississippi earlier this year. After your book, a copy of which I've received from Rinehart, I propose to ask questions. Akter all, had I known you were to include me in the book I'd have spent more time speaking parables. Oh, well, one learns . . . if he lives.

Having just received the book, I've not read all of it. Of that which I've read I am sincere in saying that it's excellent, and my congratulations on the effort.

A sidelight of possible interest: This morning I was talking to a faculty member at the college here; I mentioned having received a copy of the book. He recalled that the book had been mentioned in a column appearing presently in the daily, titled "The Human Race," by a Methodist minister, Dr. W. A. Tyson, Who, incidentally, lives two doors from me. He has been unusually honest in describing himself as "an amateur sociologist." I do concur, and with gust! Anyway, I missed seeing the reference, and will try to dig up the paper and send it along. But, as I understand, your book was not on the approved reading list of Professional Southerners. That, in itself, is a compliment on your work.

Rinehart asked that I let them have my comments on the book. Actually, Jim . . . Wilma, I'll comment like this: I just wish I had more friends and more money. As it is I've only ordered two copies of the book.

On the Chapter "Pressure On The Press," there is one critical comment. The chapter contains 26-½ pages. Of these, you wasted 23-½ pages. Well, after all, only 3 pages were devoted to me! Let's be honest about this thing.

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"I fully realize that no man's services are indispensable. But I must agree that seniority and key committee assignments are valuable to our people in this period of national and sectional strife, which obviously will continue and possibly become aggravated in the next three years. The position I now enjoy in the House of Representatives, with the resultant opportunity for service to my people, is the result of their generous action in repeatedly returning me to the Congress.

"Therefore, with the fervent hope and thought that through my position of responsibility so gained I can, in my humble way, be of service to the people of Mississippi and the Country itself, I shall offer, at the appropriate time, for re-election to the 86th Congress subject to the wishes of the sovereign people of the 6th Congressional District."

Kroehler Plant Operation Set

The $3,000,000 Kroehler Manufacturing Co. of Mississippi on Hwy 80 West of the city limits of Meridian is scheduled to begin operating shortly after January 1, 1958.

The dimensions plant will go into operation first. The board plant, is scheduled to start in the spring.

Kroehler has already employed a number of workers stacking lumber in the sheds and in the yards for the first operation. Some office personnel are also on the job.

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"If I had worked more efficiently (maybe invested in a mechanical brooder) I would have had more chickens to trade for more repair work and more gasoline, and by cutting costs and prices a bit, got two teachers as customers instead of none.

"And more people could be enjoying chicken."

We Americans —

Between Two Evils

Whatever else it proves, the Little Rock story shows in frightening clarity the thin line separating ugly anarchy from jackbooted tyranny in the peculiar American governmental structure.

When President Eisenhower sent the paratroopers into action he said anarchy could result if federal court orders were premitted to be flouted with impunity. On the other hand it's just as apparent that a central government which sends its uninvited troops into a state for one purpose could later use them in other circumstances for other purposes.

Federal troops used one day to stamp out racial discrimination might be used another day to enforce governmental wage and hour decrees or to put down the black marketing that often results from political attempts to repeal the law of supply and demand.

At Little Rock it was suddenly apparent that the dual govenment of divided powers conceived by the founding fathers was as delicatelyy contrived as a fine watch. This finely balanced governmental mechanism turns on the Declaration of Independence's stated principle that governments "derive their just powers from the consent of the governed."

That understanding is the mainspring of the federal-state relationship. Without it the peculiar American governmental system won't tick. George Washington didn't think the complex dual government he helped create would last long. Benjamin Franklin was equally skeptical of the people's ability to understand it or uphold it. These skeptical founders have been wrong up to now but vigilance is still the price of liberty. — Daily Oklahoman.

There Must Be A Way —

To Judge Good Teachers

A commission of the National Education Association has tried in a recent study to make clear some of the difficulties in the way of merit pay for teachers. This system, in use in some school districts, entitles teachers and administrative personnel to additional pay for superior service. The idea has caused controversy in educational circles for nearly 20 years. In that time 148 cities have experimented with merit pay in their schools. Yet today the system is used by only 26

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Teachers . . .

communities—one of them being West Hartford. The NEA Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards attributes this uncertian popularity to several factors.

A big factor is the absence of a precise meaning to the term "merit pay." Because of this, the plan has often been construed as just another salary schedule. Many superintendents, having tried the system only to abandon it, say it lacks evaluating procedures. And doubtful confidence in merit pay is understandable if judgments on superior performance are based on anything but objective standards. It is easily conceivable that merit pay applied from personality preferences could be disastrous to a school district's morale. Yet a teacher's work in the classroom is naturally fused with his, or her personality.

For all the misgivings and resentment that some teaching groups hold for merit pay there is no denying the worthiness of its purpose—to provide an incentive for maximum effectiveness by the teacher. Today's teacher times from the fiction that any salary schedules proceed oftennumber of teachers in a school district, given the same experience and education, deserve the same pay. No two teachers are equally effective, but the superior one should be recognized and rewarded.

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With kindest commercial regards,
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James and Wilma Dykeman Stokely
Newport, Tenn.
cc: Patricia H. Newell, Publicity Director
Rinehart & Company, Inc.
232 Madison Avenue
New York 16, N.Y.

Since the letter above was written I've had the chance to read the entire book. It is, in my opinion, well written, well presented, and an adult and intelligent work and, most certainly, worth reading by anyone.

While I content the Stokley's wasted 23-½ pages, that's all they wasted out of a total 371 pages. And that ain't bad.

(NOTE: To Dr. James W. Silver, University of Mississippi: Jim, the book sells for five books. You can probably borrow it at the library.)

Four-Color Travel Brochure Planned

A 32-paged, four-color travel brochure on Mississippi is being prepared by the travel department of the Agricultural and Industrial Board The booklet is divided into sections, featuring attractions of various regions of the state, as well as information on hunting fishing and special events such as pilgrimages, garden tours and Gulf Coast activities.

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Unemployment Insurance Tax To Remain Same

The unemployment insurance tax schedule in 1958 will be the same as in 1957. The minimum tax rate for 1958 will be 1.5 per cent and the maximum tax rate 2.7 per cent of taxable payroll.

Individual employer tax rates in 1958 will range therefore from 1.5 to 2.7 per cent depending on the degree of stability in their payrolls over the latest two to five years.

Under the Mississippi type of experience rating a very high per cent of the employers have the minimum tax rate provided in the tax schedule determined to be effective for the tax year.

The Law provides three tax schedules with minimum tax rates of 1.8, 1.5, and .9 per cent of taxable payrolls.

The particular tax schedule to be in effect for any tax year is determined by the "reserve ratio" which is the relation between the amount of money in the Trust Fund on November 1 of any year and the amount of taxable wages in the prior fiscal year.

At its latest regular meeting the Commission determined the "reserve ratio" on November 1, 1957 to be 6.258 with a total taxable payroll in the fiscal year 1957 of $576,732,038 and a Trust Fund of November 1, 1957 of $36,095,340.

DIRTY PROWLER

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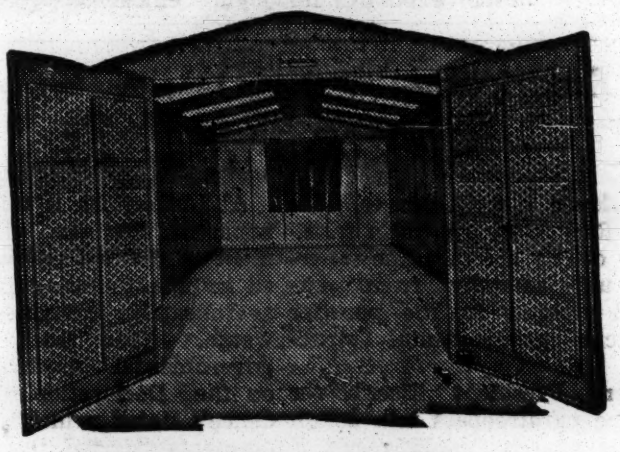

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Church nursery open at all services.

PETAL METHODIST CHURCH, MAIN STREET, PETAL

Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., W. C. Mathis, Superintendent.

Rev. J. P. Payne, Pastor, preaches at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WSCS meets at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays.

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Choir practice follows prayer meeting.

Song services are under the direction of Mrs. B. L. Coulter; Mrs. D. H. Halliwell, Sr., Organist.

The public is cordially invited to attend. The nursery is open at all services.

GREEN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, OLD RICHTON ROAD, PETAL

Services begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School, Robert Powell, Supt.

Q. C. Barrett, Pastor, preaches at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays . . . following prayer meeting all organizations meet . . . YWA's, GA's, RA's, WMU, Brotherhood, and Sunbeams.

Song services are under the direction of W. C. Rainey, Jr.; pianist is Miss Polly Morgan.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend services. Nursery is open at all services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CENTRAL AVENUE, PETAL

Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Henry Hardy, Supt.

Rev. W. A. Richardson, Pastor, preaches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Baptist Training Union meets at 6:30 p.m. Sundays.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Song services are under the direction of Mr. Ford Parker; Mrs. J. M. Van Devender, pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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PETAL-HARVEY BAPTIST CHURCH,

Services will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Pat Rogers, Supt.

Rev. Sam W. Waggener, Pastor, preaches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Training Union meets at 6:45 p.m., C. E. Richardson, Director.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:30 pm. Wednesdays at Richton Road and Harvey Mission prayer meeting is held 7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Song services are under the direction of Mr. Charles Caulkin; Mrs. W. H. Clearman, Organist, and Mrs. Mazie Nell Smith, pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend; the nursery is open at all services.

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Services begin at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School, H. L. Norsworthy, Supt.

Evangelist Howard S. Williams preaches at 11.00 a.m.

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Watch On The POTOMAC

by
Robt. G. Spivack

HOW GOOD IS SOVIET SCIENCE? The launching of Sputnik has scared thedaylights out of our military experts and also stirred them out of their lethargy. To that extent we are all the gainers from the Russian experiment.

But now there comes to light some information in the possession of the President's Committee on Scientists and Engineers which indicates that the Russians have been moving ahead in fields entirely apart from outer-space technology.

The information is partly based on U.S. intelligence reports and partly on data supplied by American scientists who have visited the U.S.S.R. The Russians, it appears, are catching up with American "know-how" in a variety of fields where we thought they were lagging far behind.

The Russians are moving ahead in the following areas:

Machine Tools — The Soviets have developed an oil drilling bit that experts feel is better than anything we now have. Some U. S. oil companies have quietly begun to use it in Texas oilfields.

Metallurgy—Big strides are reported here. One reason we haven't yet put a satellite into outer space is that we still don't have anything that can stand the heat.

Fuels—They have produced a variety of synthetic fuels, including some presumably used to launch rockets, that surpass anything we now have.

Automobiles — The Russians have a new model that will soon make its appearance in a West German auto show. It's said to be as good as the cars we now have on the market.

Jet Passenger Planes — Way ahead of us.

In chemistry and agricultural science, as well as farming equipment, the Russians are also said to be making solid progress.

THE "MYTHS" ABOUT SOVIET SCIENCE—Robert L. Clark, executive secretary of the President's committee, says we have made several serious "errors in judgment" in recent years. We are deluded, Clark reports, by misinformation about Russian science that is being unconsciously circulated by people who should know better.

One of the "myths" being fed the American public is the notion that German scientists, captured after World War II, are responsible for recent Soviet achievements.

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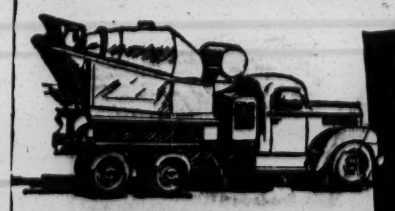

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The World Of Nature

By John M. Frazier

Winter Bird Study

Winter is a favorable time for bird study. There are several conditions making it an especially suitable time for the beginning ornithologist to start serious observations. They also help the experienced bird student in his work.

By the time the sun has reached the winter solstice at 8:49 p. m. on December 21, most of the seasonal characteristics of winter will be present. In fact, we do not have to wait until that time to begin taking note of the birds that live near us in fall and winter.

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There are usually not so many species of birds present in the winter. The greater number of species of summer sometimes causes confusion and discouragement. We have an adequate number of species at any time to keep an amateur busy for many seasons in learning their identity and other information.

Birds are usually more easily seen after the leaves have fallen from the deciduous trees and shrubs and the herbaceous plants have died. Birds do not keep themselves hidden so much in winter. Perhaps this is because the lack of abundance of food causes them to be bolder. Or it could be the problem of protecting themselves for the sake of defending their young in summer that causes them to hide more then.

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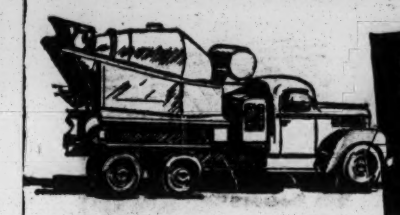

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

WHEREAS, Henry Jordan, did for a valuable consideration, execute and deliver to the undersigned Dudley W. Conner, trustee, his deed of trust dated September 24, 1957 conveying in trust the hereinafter described land to secure the indebtedness described therein, which said deed of trust is of record in Book 206 on Pages 485-86 of the deeds of trust records on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Forrest County, Mississippi, and,

WHEREAS, the note described in and secured by the said deed of trust was not paid at maturity and no extension thereof was asked for or received but said note and deed of trust became and are in default, no part thereof having been paid, and the beneficiary named in said deed of trust, the holder of said note, has requested the undersigned trustee to foreclose the deed of trust for the purpose of paying and satisfying the indebtedness secured thereby, now

THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me as trustee I hereby give public notice that on the 6th day of December, 1957 at the East or front door, the same being the Main Street entrance of the Forrest County Courthouse, Hattiesburg, Mississippi within the hours prescribed by law, I will offer for sale and will sell to the highest bidder therefor for cash, the land described in said deed of trust as being:

The West 98 feet of Lot 15 of Block 3 of the Magruder & Company Survey and Addition to the City of Hattiesburg according to the official map or plat thereof on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Forrest County, Mississippi, together with all improvements and appurtenances thereon or thereunto belonging.

I believe the title to be good but I will sell only such title as is vested in me by said deed of trust.

DUDLEY W. CONNER, Trustee
4t 11-14, 21, 28, 12-5

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Nature . . .

Many species of birds are gregarious during the winter feeding season. Among this type are blackbirds, white-throated sparrows, bob-white quail, mourning doves, meadowlarks, staring, English sparrows, and many others.

When birds are in larger flocks it is much easier to study their movements, food habits, and other characteristics.

Identifying Characteristics

The winter plumage can be studied with comparative ease. The normal winter pattern can be recognized as well as the various forms. If there is a difference between male and female, as in the case of the cardinal and bluebird, this can b eobserved. Juvenile plumage may differ from adults, either the male or the famale. This may add confusion to the problem until all forms are recognized.

The size or length of the birds can be fixed in mind. Rarely is there much variation in the sizes of birds in a winter flock. If there is as much as 10% variation in length, it is a good idea to suspect a different species.

Many birds sings during the winter about as much as in the spring or summer. If they sing, this gives another means of identification. It is about as reliable as identifing them by sight.

While nests can be found easily and studied, then cannot be associated with their builders during the winter season since they are not in use.

Manner of flight and locomotion can be studied. The flock can be seen easily and the type of flight movement noted. If meadowlarks are fluched, the fly in a characteristic manner of rapid beating of the wings, remaining fairly close to the ground, and gliding back to the ground. This is distinctly different to the flight of the cedar wax-wings when flushed.

The habitats for the season can be determined with relative ease. In many cases the habitat is helpful in determining the sppecies. A wren found in the marshes would likely be a long-billed marsh wren. A wren near the house is not necessicarily a house wren since other species are found in this habitat.

Feeding Habits

While there is much information on the feeding habits of many species of birds, there is much more yet to be learned. The limited information about the winter feeding habits could be greatly extended by amateurs watching birds as they carry on their daily task of feeding. This will require keen vision and great patience as well as a knowledge of many types of fruits, berries, seeds, and small animals.

We can watch the birds that visit such trees and shrubs as Ligustrum, Elaeagnus, parsley haw, winter huckleberry, blackgum, and many others, and observe whether or not they eat the fruit and to what extent.

We can make notes on the preference of birds for certain types of foods. This would be indicated by the relative number of one type of food taken when other foods are abundant. It is a fact that many birds eat the foods in greatest abundance and nearest at hand but at the same time they spend much time searching for less abundant foods that may be more palatable.

those that are transients only. By the keeping of these records much valuable data can be accumulated. The weather records are a part of the permanent literature. The accurate dates of movements of birds could be correlated wit hthese records.

Bird study is a fascinating hobby for anyone who will follow it.

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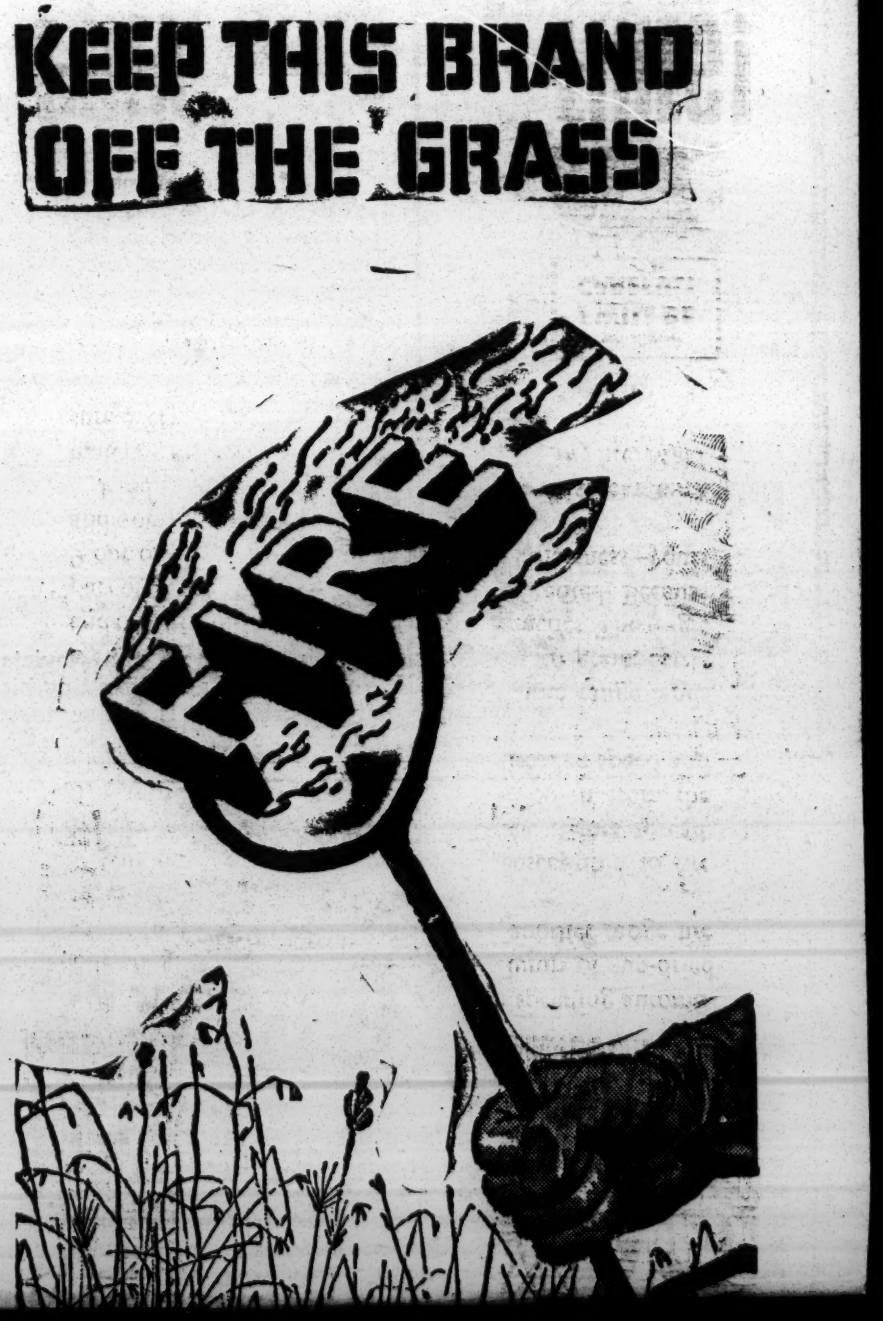

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Migration and Local Movements

There is much need for extensive study by bird lovers on the migration and local movements of all species present. Exact records should be kept from year to year on the dates of arrival and departure of all species. This should apply to those that nest here, those that winter here, and

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